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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FALSELY USING A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Willis Taylor, III,** 47, address unknown, currently in custody, entered a guilty plea on April 5, 2004, before U.S. District Judge Kathryn H. Vratil to one count of falsely using a social security number that was not assigned to him on an Internal Revenue Service Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate.

Melgren said that Taylor admitted at his plea that on October 28, 2003, for the purpose of obtaining employment as a registered nurse, Taylor submitted an Internal Revenue Service Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, commonly referred to as a W-4 Form, to the Topeka Community Healthcare Center in Topeka, Kansas. Taylor further admitted that on the W-4 Form he falsely represented his name and social security number to be that of another knowing that the statements were false. Taylor admitted that he used the false name and social security number to conceal his true identity and to conceal the fact that he was not a trained and licensed registered nurse.

Taylor faces a maximum of five years in federal prison without parole. Sentencing is set for June 28, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the FBI in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Marietta Parker in this prosecution.